

# ***Why Register for Mass?***

During the pandemic, many parishes such as ours have asked parishioners to register for Mass.

Register on our website [ndparishnc.com](http://ndparishnc.com) SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP.

Some parishioners have inquired as to why we have to do this.

Here are some of the reasons.

1. **Contact tracing.** In the event that a minister or attendee at a particular Mass should be diagnosed with Covid-19 the parish can alert all who were present so they can take any necessary actions. If you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and recently attended Mass please consider letting the parish know. Your identity will be kept confidential. You can call the Parish Office 973-226-0979 or email Fr. Tom directly [tdente@ndparishnc.com](mailto:tdente@ndparishnc.com).

2. **Church occupancy.** Currently church attendees are limited to 150 people per Mass. If you do not register in advance and we reach 150, you will not be able to attend that Mass. By registering before, you will guarantee yourself a seat.

3. **Registering is helpful.** By registering before coming, check-in runs smoothly, it avoids crowding at the entrance and also assists ministers in setting up for Mass.

\* **Can I “walk in”?** As long as there is room, walk-in’s accepted, however it is requested you sign in at the desk in the event someone is diagnosed with Covid-19.

\* **Call In;** if you do not have access to online sign-in you can call the Parish Office 973-226-0979 during regular business hours and you will be registered. However if you leave a message after business hours, your Mass selection would have to be confirmed.

So far we have not reached maximum occupancy at any Mass, however numbers are increasing and it may be necessary to limit “walk-ins” at the door.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work to keep everyone safe.